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REMARKS:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The above noted amendment to the specification at page 1 has been made so as to recite the relationship with the parent case, namely that this application is a continuation of co-pending parent application 10/164,204, filed June 6, 2002, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/098,219, filed June 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,441,277, which is based on Provisional Application Serial No. 60/049,955, filed June 17, 1997.

The above noted amendment to the Specification at page 6, lines 9-12 has been made to more clearly describe Figure 4 as amended.

The above noted amendment to the Sequence Listing incorporates corrections made in the parent application 09/098,219.

No new matter is introduced by the proposed amendments to the Specification.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The above noted amendments to Figures 2, 3, and 6, hereby submitted, correct typographic errors and do not alter the matter represented in the original drawings. The above noted amendment to Figure 4 is formal in nature and does not alter the matter represented in the original drawing. The enclosed Formal Drawings do not alter the matter represented in the originally submitted Informal Drawings.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

With this amendment, claims 2-4 are cancelled, claims 5, 10, 12, and 19-22 are amended, and claims 1, and 5-23 are pending. The above noted amendments to the claims have been made so that the scope and language of the claims is more precise and clear in defining what the Applicants consider to be their invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the proposed amendments to the claims.



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The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 11899.0086-CNUS03.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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